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FOR EMBASSY DOHA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, QA

SUBJECT: QATAR PETROCHEMICAL PLANT

REF: KUWAIT 3753

1. REFTEL WAS REFERRED BY USMISSION TO EMBASSY BERN  
FOR ACTION.

2. UNION CARBIDE EUROPE S.A. (UCE), GENEVA, INFORMS  
EMBASSY IT WAS APPROACHED BY UK PETROLEUM CONSTRUCTION  
FIRM C.J. BROWN REGARDING SALE BY UCE OF TECHNOLOGY  
(PROBABLY THROUGH A LICENSING AGREEMENT) FOR PRODUCTION  
OF ETHYLENE DERIVATIVES IN A PROPOSED NEW PLANT IN  
QATAR, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE JOINT PARTICIPATION BY UCE  
IN THE PROJECT. UCE IS CONSIDERING SUCH INVOLVEMENT  
IN THE PROJECT, BUT REGARDS DISCUSSIONS THUS FAR AS VERY  
PRELIMINARY.

3. UCE STRESSED DESIRE TO AVOID HAVING ITS NAME MENTIONED  
IN ANY WAY OUTSIDE USG AGENCIES IN CONNECTION WITH  
THIS PROJECT, AND IS ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID REPORT  
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OF POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT COMING TO ATTENTION OF ANY FIRMS

IN THE INDUSTRY, AMERICAN OR OTHERWISE, BEFORE FIRM  
DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AND ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY UCE ITSELF.

4. ACCORDING TO UCE, NELSON SMITH, OF UCE  
HAS VISITED QATAR TWICE, ON THE MOST RECENT TRIP ACCOMPANIED  
BY A MR. HESSE OF UCE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, IN  
ORDER FOR THE LATTER TO LOOK INTO SOURCES OF ETHYLENE  
FOR SUCH A PROJECT. UCE SOURCE UNDERSTOOD SMITH HAD ON  
AT LEAST ONE OCCASION CALLED AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY TO  
DISCUSS LOCAL SITUATION.

5. UCE HAD ALREADY PLANNED TO CONTACT EMBASSY DOHA FOR  
INFORMATION ON QATAR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION,  
STABILITY, ETC.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: UCE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHOM  
AT EMBASSY DOHA IT SHOULD CONTACT, AND REQUESTS THAT ANY  
INFORMATION WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN WRITTEN FORM BE PASSED  
TO EMBASSY BERN FOR TRANSMITTAL TO UCE.  
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